

State of Women: A County by County Report on Women and Girls in Massachusetts Middlesex County

Basic Demographics

Female Population

Total: 756,348

Under 21.....	24.87%
21 to 34.....	20.62%
35 to 64.....	39.58%
65 and over.....	14.93%

- Middlesex County is the most populated county in the state, and therefore, is home to twenty-three percent of women in Massachusetts.

Households, Year 2000

Total: 561,220

Female householder, no husband present...	9.80%
With children under 6.....	19.58%
With children under 18....	61.11%

Earnings and Employment

Median Earnings in 1999

Male.....	\$39,789
Female.....	\$26,091

The Living Wage in 2003

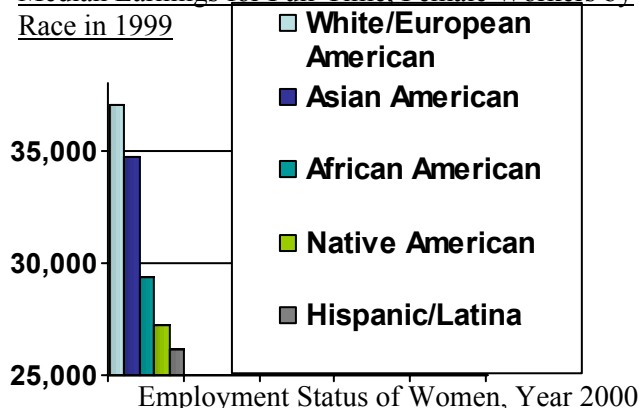
For one Adult and 2 children, one in pre-school and one in elementary school.....\$40,165-53,334

For 2 Adults and 2 children, one in pre-school and one in elementary school.....\$46,246-59,635

Percentage of Women Living in Poverty in 1999

All women.....	7.00%
Girls under 5.....	6.51%
Women over 65.....	8.05%
Families.....	4.30%

Median Earnings for Full-Time, Female Workers by Race in 1999



Employed: 42,904

Unemployed in Labor Force: 2,088

Not in Labor Force: 17,547

Education

Female Educational Attainment in 2000

No High School Diploma.....	11.64%
High School Graduate.....	39.93%
Associate or Professional Degree.....	9.95%
Bachelor's Degree.....	22.92%
Master's Degree.....	13.53%
Doctorate Degree.....	2.03%

2003 Female Public High School

Drop-Out Rate

Massachusetts State Average.....	2.79%
Middlesex County Average.....	1.16%

Health and Wellness

Reproductive Health

- In 2004, 578 new mothers (3.20%) in Middlesex County were adolescents of age 20 or younger.
- That same year 2,699 pregnant women (15.10%) did not receive any prenatal care in their first trimester.
- 20.50% of new mothers in Middlesex County utilized publicly funded prenatal care in 2004—a total of 3,630 women.

HIV and AIDS

- In April of 2000, 371 women were living with HIV and 382 women were living with AIDS in Middlesex County.

Smoking

- 15.40% of women in Hampshire County are regular smokers and 26.50% of women reported to be former smokers.
- Between 2001 and 2003, 1,121 women died from either bronchus or lung cancer.

Political Participation in 2006

Females elected to State House: 9 (24.32%)

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